## **Brief Overview**

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## **Texas Windstorm Financing**

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### **Texas Public Finance Authority Overview**

- The Texas Public Finance Authority's mission is to provide the most cost-effective financing available to fund capital projects, equipment purchases, and other programs authorized by the Legislature.
- The Legislature created the Texas Public Finance Authority (TPFA) in 1983 to issue bonds on behalf of the General Services Commission and has since expanded its clients to currently include 23 State and State-related entities. Today, TPFA is one of the State's primary issuers of debt repaid from General Revenue. The authority also issues other types of bonds as authorized by the Legislature.
- The 81<sup>st</sup> Legislature's passage of H.B. 4409 instructed TPFA to help the Texas Windstorm Association provide post-storm event financing, to address shortfalls in claims paying resources.

#### **Texas Windstorm Financing**

- H.B. 4409 provides the Windstorm Association with a new funding source—up to \$2.5 billion in public securities per year.
- These securities would only be issued after the storm event(s). The bonds/notes are repaid
  at various levels from Association net revenues, catastrophe area surcharges, and
  assessments to the Association member companies.
- As an initial "line of defense," the Association will utilize a \$300 million commercial paper program set up by TPFA, from which to draw upon in the event of a catastrophic event.
- The commercial paper notes would be sold as "Class 1" securities as defined in the H.B.
   2209 and secured by Association net revenues.
- The Texas Comptroller is providing liquidity/credit support for the commercial paper program, but the liquidity agreement expires on December 31, 2010.
- Any commercial paper notes issued are expected to be refinanced into Class 1 fixed rate bonds payable over a period not to exceed a ten-year term.

# Texas Windstorm Insurance Association Financing Public Securities under HB 4409

| Public<br>Security | When/how<br>issuable | Max Amount                | Max Term | Revenue to repay   |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------|--|
| Class 1            | Post-event           | \$1 billion per<br>year   | 10 years | TWIA premiums and other TWIA Revenue   |
| Class 2            | Post-event           | \$1 billion per<br>year   | 10 years | 30% - assessment on<br>TWIA members based<br>on TWIA participation   |
|                    |                      |                           |          | 70% - premium surcharge on P&C policies in CAT area, excluding federal flood, medical malpractice, workers' comp., and accident & health |
| Class 3            | Post-event           | \$500 million<br>per year | 10 years | Assessment on TWIA members of up to \$500 million/per year   |
| Refunding<br>Bonds | Anytime              | Any amount                |          | Same source as original securities   |

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